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FORMER D.C. RESIDENT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, July 11, 2008, that Jeffrey L. Brown, a former resident of Washington, D.C., has been sentenced in federal court in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to serve 15 months' imprisonment to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$39,358.00 in restitution on his conviction of making a false statement to the government.

United States District Judge Gary L. Lancaster imposed the sentence on Brown, age 45.

According to information presented to the court at the time Brown entered his guilty plea by Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn J. Bloch, Brown, on February 11, 2003, falsely reported on a Social Security Administration Report (form SSA-455), which was filed with the Social Security Administration Office in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Brown, who had been receiving disability payments, falsely stated that during the period of December 30, 1994, through February 11, 2003, he was employed only during the months of March, April, and May of 2000. In fact, Brown had been employed most of that time period and should not have received in excess of \$39,000 in Social Security Administration disability payments.

Ms. Buchanan commended the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Brown.